

Service, the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan have cost us over one trillion dollars. Estimates by Joseph Stiglitz and Linda Blimes put that number at closer to \$5 trillion when you include the long-term costs associated with caring for returning veterans.

RECOGNIZING OCTOBER AS NATIONAL BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

HON. PETER T. KING

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 4, 2011

Mr. KING of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of October as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. It is essential to take this time to promote breast cancer awareness, share information on the disease, emphasize the importance of screenings and continue to work towards a cure.

Early detection is of the utmost importance for women of all ages. The 2.5 million breast cancer survivors through the U.S. are a testament to the importance of breast cancer awareness and following recommended screening guidelines. I strongly encourage women to follow the recommended mammography screening guidelines and to perform self-exams. Early detection saves lives!

A woman receives a diagnosis of breast cancer every two minutes, making this disease one of the most frequently diagnosed cancer among women in the United States. Despite tremendous advances in treatment and prevention, it remains the second leading cause of cancer death. I am proud to support the National Breast Cancer Coalition's Breast Cancer Deadline 2020, a call to end breast cancer by January 1, 2020. This initiative focuses on determining how to prevent the development of breast cancer and metastasis and renews the sense of urgency to eradicate this disease.

It is my privilege to work with dedicated volunteers, patients, caregivers and survivors from organizations such as Susan G. Komen for the Cure, National Breast Cancer Coalition, the American Cancer Society and so many others. Their tireless work is an inspiration and a reminder that we must keep up the fight until there is a cure.

IN HONOR OF THE TECHNOLOGY CENTER AT THE GERARD CARTER COMMUNITY CENTER

HON. MICHAEL G. GRIMM

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 4, 2011

Mr. GRIMM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend Time Warner Cable, the Jewish Community Center of Staten Island and the New York City Department of Youth and Community Development for their efforts in the construction of a new, state-of-the-art technology center in on Staten Island.

The Technology Center at the Gerard Carter Community Center, sponsored by Time Warner Cable and the Jewish Community Center of Staten Island, is fully equipped with the newest computers, high-speed Internet, flat screen and high definition televisions and edu-

cational software to help Americans succeed in the 21st Century. The hard-working residents of Staten Island can now take advantage of modern technology to train and search for 21st century jobs.

Facilities like the Gerard Carter Community Center provide state-of-the-art tools for displaced workers to update their skills and regain their competitive advantage in the labor market. It also provides a place for students to utilize the latest technology to further their education.

I applaud Time Warner Cable and the Gerard Carter Community Center for giving Stapleton residents access to the latest technology. I urge my colleagues to join me in applauding Time Warner Cable and the Gerard Community Center to create the Technology Center—its ventures like this give the unemployed and the underemployed the opportunity and the encouragement they need to take back their lives and get to work.

HONORING THE DEER LAKES AA BOYS VOLLEYBALL TEAM

HON. JASON ALTMIRE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 4, 2011

Mr. ALTMIRE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 2011 Deer Lakes High School Boys Volleyball Team. This past season, the team won the WPIAL championship as well as the Pennsylvania State Championship. I congratulate them on an outstanding season and commend their hard work in winning both prestigious titles.

Over the course of their season, the team showed remarkable consistency while displaying exemplary team play. Incredibly, the team did not lose a match all season.

I would also like to give special recognition to two members of the team who played to the best of their abilities each and every game. Tony Nicotra and Jeremy Gaston deserve praise for their team leadership and work ethic throughout the season. Their hard work was rewarded when they received the co-most valuable player award for both the WPIAL and state tournaments.

In addition, a team is only as good as the coaching staff that stands behind their players. Head coach Richard Tatrn along with assistant coaches BJ Ruyes, Terry Gaston, Joe Giradi, and Kevin Hamilton all deserve recognition for their encouragement, instruction, and leadership throughout their championship season.

I again congratulate the Deer Lakes Boys Volleyball Team's players and coaching staff on all of their achievements. It is with great joy that I pay tribute to this team on their well-deserved accomplishments this season.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CAPE COD TIMES

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 4, 2011

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the seventy-fifth anniversary of the

Cape Cod Times, a daily newspaper circulated throughout the towns and villages of Massachusetts' Cape and Islands.

Seventy-five years ago, businessmen J.P. Dunn and Basil Brewer came together in a Hyannis garage to publish the Cape Cod Standard-Times. This union grew out of the men's desire to provide the residents of the Cape and Islands with access to community news, so they teamed up with the New Bedford Standard-Times for joint distribution through the 1960s. By 1970, however, the success of local small businesses and industries had brought an era of expansion to the region, augmenting the need for a local paper to service the needs and interests of the unique communities of the Cape and Islands. In 1975, the first Cape Cod Times edition was published as an "independent Cape Cod newspaper, printed and published on the Cape, by Cape Codders, for Cape Codders."

Today, the Cape Cod Times provides over 60,000 readers in the region with daily headlines of national and local relevance—from summer beach closings to breaking news across the globe. The paper's circulation reaches beyond the Cape and Islands through its online subscription, allowing readers to stay up-to-date on community happenings no matter their location.

Time and time again, the paper has been recognized for its national significance, having been named to such prestigious awards as "Newspaper of the Year," "Website of the Year" and "Sunday Newspaper of the Year" by the New England Press Association, the New England Newspaper Association, and the New England Associated Press Executives Association.

Having owned a home on Cape Cod for twenty years, it is with pride and gratitude that I congratulate the Cape Cod Times, its editors and staff on providing seventy-five years of authentic journalism to the people of the Tenth Congressional District of Massachusetts. I extend my best wishes to the paper for many more years of award-winning journalism to come.

HONORING WILLIAM ENSIGN

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 4, 2011

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life of William Ensign a respected and jovial Toledoan whose ethic of public service resulted in his being elected Mayor of Toledo in 1967, and then reelected again in 1971. We offer our condolences to his wife of 61 years, Joan, their children Maria, Kimberly, Madonna, Christopher, Joel and Thomas, as well as their families.

William J. Ensign was born in 1924. He grew up in Cleveland and went on to serve as a Marine in the Pacific Theatre in World War II. He earned his undergraduate and graduate degrees in sociology and criminology from the University of Notre Dame. He came to Toledo in 1951 to work in the legal system until he became the director of the county welfare agency in 1963, a position he held until he was elected Mayor of Toledo in 1967. He was re-elected by a landslide in 1969. He resigned in 1971 after then Ohio Governor John

Gilligan appointed him Director of the Ohio Youth Commission. He then served for a year with the Ohio Department of Administrative Services. Beginning in 1975, he was the Director of the Criminal Justice program at Ohio Dominican University.

Even as he raised his family and pursued his career, William Ensign developed his passion for music. He received his first drumsticks at age six, played piano and was a drum major in the college band. He played with the Cleveland Philharmonic Orchestra and the Marine Corps band.

William Ensign's legacy is well-described by a former political foe, "He was bright and engaging and never had a bad word about anybody." True testament to a life lived in service to others, his community and nation.

REPRESENTATIVE JERRY COSTELLO WILL BE DEARLY MISSED

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 4, 2011

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I am sad to learn that the House of Representatives will be losing a strong leader with the retirement of my dear friend and colleague, Congressman JERRY COSTELLO. In the U.S. Congress, he fought hard to protect the environment and promoted progressive development of infrastructure.

I am privileged to have worked with JERRY in the past 23 years he has served in this great institution we both so love. JERRY has been a steadfast steward of the public interest from his early days in law enforcement to his more than two decades in the House of Representatives. Throughout his public career he has demonstrated time and again how colleagues can reach across the aisle to find compromise for the good of the nation.

I wish JERRY the best of luck with his future endeavors. His service to the people of Illinois' 12th District has been impeccable and he will be dearly missed by both his constituents and colleagues.

CONGRATULATING CENTENNIAL NATIONAL DAY OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA (TAIWAN)

HON. JEFF DENHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 4, 2011

Mr. DENHAM. Mr. Speaker, I would like to extend my sincere congratulations to the people of Taiwan on the occasion of the upcoming October 10, 2011, Centennial National Day of the Republic of China. The Republic of China shares my country's belief that government must be by the people, for the people, and of the people.

After the heroic struggle for liberation during World War II, in which our two nations fought side by side, the Republic of China was instrumental in the foundation of the United Nations and has continued to play an important role in global affairs.

The Republic of China is an example of democratic and economic liberalization for

emerging economies in Asia. This impressive economic growth has turned Taiwan into one of the United States' largest and most trusted trading partners and the single largest per capita importer of U.S. agricultural products. Our relationship has proved very important to my district which is home to some of the most productive farmland in the world.

The Republic of China has pursued a foreign policy that promotes peaceful cooperation between nations, and I support its efforts to provide leadership in the international community. Today, I send my good wishes for the future prosperity of a free and democratic Taiwan.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 4, 2011

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, today our national debt is \$14,837,099,271,196.71.

On January 6, 2009, the start of the 111th Congress, the national debt was \$10,638,425,746,293.80.

This means the national debt has increased by \$4,198,673,524,902.91 since then. This debt and its interest payments we are passing to our children and all future Americans.

RECOGNIZING COOPERATIVE HOUSING CORPORATION ON 25 YEARS OF SERVICE

HON. LEONARD LANCE

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 4, 2011

Mr. LANCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Cooperative Housing Corporation on its silver anniversary of providing affordable, high quality housing and services to senior citizens and special needs individuals throughout Central New Jersey.

The CHC has proudly helped improved the lives of many older adults and special needs young people throughout its 25 years of service. Since 1986 the CHC has provided shared housing facilities and special services designed to meet physical, social and psychological needs on a cooperative family basis. The CHC comforted countless individuals through a caring "second family" environment, and promoted health, security and happiness for senior citizens and others.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to commend the staff, board and founders of the Cooperative Housing Corporation for 25 years of dedicated community service in Central New Jersey and pleased and honored to share this important milestone with my colleagues in the United States Congress and with the American people.

My best personal wishes to everyone associated with the Cooperative Housing Corporation.

RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE CITY OF DELRAY BEACH, FLORIDA, ON ITS 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 4, 2011

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the city of Delray Beach on the occasion of its centennial celebration. For 100 years, the city of Delray Beach has symbolized the American spirit: looking ahead in times of prosperity; enduring in times of difficulty; and always rising to meet the challenges that have at times weighed on our country's history.

From its modest beginnings as an agricultural area in 1894, Delray Beach quickly grew, attracting many visitors in the winter months. On October 9, 1911, with a population of nearly 300, the area of Delray was chartered by the State of Florida as an incorporated town. Industrial plants for the canning of pineapples and tomatoes were built, bringing in new residents and ushering in an era of prosperity. By 1920, Delray's population had reached over 1000 residents. Today, it is estimated that more than 65,000 people call the city of Delray Beach home.

The city has seen its share of highs and lows throughout the years. The early 1900s saw Delray prosper, only to experience economic hardships by the Great Depression. By the 1930s, Delray was again flourishing, only to find itself engulfed in the unrest faced by our nation during the civil rights movement. But Delray Beach, like our country, endured.

In the 1980s, prosperity was again seen changed to decay, as many of the small mom-and-pop stores that lit the downtown area were forced to close their doors. But today, even in the face of economic hardships, Delray Beach has united to create a plan for redevelopment and revitalization that has transformed and continues to transform its commercial center.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor the history of the city of Delray Beach, and I look forward to working with my colleagues in the House of Representatives to ensure that Delray Beach, along with the countless other cities and towns across our great nation, experience growth, prosperity, and success in the next 100 years.

HONORING MARY E. GERKEN

HON. MARCY KAPTUR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 4, 2011

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker. I rise today to recognize the life of Mary E. Gerken, who passed from this life at age 90 years. She was an indefatigable educator, brilliant student, source of inspiration, enduring mother for her family and our community, and woman of deep, abiding faith. Her life truly can be described as a woman for others. We offer our condolences to her family, especially her children Cathy, Fran, George and Pete.

Born August 29, 1920 to Nettie Mosher, a World War I Army nurse, Mary Gerken grew